

**REMARKS**

The Examiner's Action mailed on January 26, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

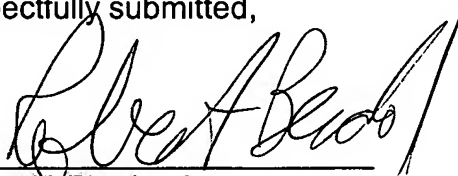
In this Amendment, Applicants have editorially amended the specification, amended independent claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2, amended allowable claim 5 into independent form, amended dependent claim 2 to depend from allowable claim 5, and made an editorial change to dependent claim 6. Further, claims 7 through 9 have been added to the application. Claims 1 and 5 are the independent claims, and claims 1 through 9 are pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

It is noted with great appreciation that the Examiner considers the subject matter of dependent claims 2 and 5 as being allowable over the art of record. In response, and as noted above, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 2, and claim 5 has been amended into independent form. Thus, since all of the claims pending in the application are either deemed to be allowable, or depend from an allowable claim, all of the Examiner's prior art rejections have been rendered moot, and this application has

been placed into condition for allowance. Such action, and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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